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SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF IDB REP--MEXICO CITY

FOR AMBASSADOR JOVA

REF: MEXICO 3562

1. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO YOU IS FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH WE HAVE AVAILABLE HERE CONCERNING DANILO POKLEPOVIC.

2. POKLEPOVIC IS A GRADUATE OF STANFORD AND WORKED FOR A SHORT TIME FOR GENERAL ELECTRIC IN THE U.S. AND IN CHILE BEFORE ENTERING THE GOC'S DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CORFO) IN 1943. HE APPARENTLY BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH IDB IN 1966 AND TOOK TIME OFF TO BECOME EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE CHILEAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR SANTIAGO'S 1972 UNCTAD III CONFERENCE.

3. AN EMBASSY OFFICER WHO HAD CONTACT WITH POKLEPOVIC WHILE HE WAS PREPARING FOR UNCTAD AND ALSO ON SOME IDB MATTERS REPORTS THAT HE WAS TECHNICALLY COMPETENT AND FRIENDLY. WE DO KNOW THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY FRIENDLY WITH PRESIDENT ALLENDE, FELIPE HERRERA AND TOP UP ECONOMIC LEADERS. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHERE HIS UNDERLYING POLITICAL SYMPATHIES LIE, ALTHOUGH SAME EMBASSY OFFICER MENTIONED ABOVE STATES THAT HE VIEWED POKLEPOVIC AS POLITICALLY MODERATE IN THE CHILEAN CONTEXT OF THE UP PERIOD.

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